

ALLIES PRESS ON TUDOUCH ALBANIA

**Austrians Falling Back on
Skumbi River 25 Miles
North of Berat.**

FIGHTING IS SPREADING

Under Franco-Italian pressure the Austrian troops in Albania have retired beyond the Berat-Flori line in the direction of the Skumbi river and Elbasan, the nearest natural defense northward. The evacuation of Berat announced from Vienna probably was due to the

The fighting in the Macedonian theater has spread eastward and the Bulgarians are making strong attacks north of Monastir, apparently to draw attention from Albania. The Bulgar attacks were repulsed with heavy losses by the

Italians Continue Advance.
LONDON, July 11.—Italian troops on their offensive in Albania continue to advance, says a dispatch from Rome to the Central News Agency. The Austro-Hungarians are falling back on the Skumbi river, twenty-five miles north of Berat.

Add to Austria's Troubles.
By the British Wireless Service.

LONDON, July 10.—Successes won by the allied troops in Albania will add seriously to the troubles of the Austrians. They were won by a fresh, determined action in the Balkan area, where any military success must always have immediate and valuable political reaction.

The line on which fighting is going on at present runs from the River Bevo to the Adriatic, a distance of more than 100 miles. In addition to the French and Italian troops engaged in

the battle, Albanian troops, under Essad Pasha, are fighting against the Austrians, and, because of their incapacity to fight, are in a very bad position to give valuable assistance.

Enemy Troops Nervous.

Although the region of the allied advance is seventy miles from the Salonica front, there are already signs of nervousness among the enemy troops in that area. The advance in Albania is a serious threat to the right flank of the Bulgarian armies in the region of Monastir. This is evidently appreciated by the enemy, and, too, it will have the effect of bringing into the field the remnants of the hill tribes, which are among the finest fighters in the world. Every

A further short advance will bring us to the allies to Berat, the chief town of northern Albania, and it is significant that Austrian official statements admit the progress of the French and the Italians.

Paris Reports Gains.

PARIS, July 10.—An official statement says:

"On the 9th, the 1st and 2nd divisions of the artillery and patrol activity west of the Vardar. Notwithstanding these costly checks of yesterday at the Cerna bend, the enemy today again

our positions north of Mostar were again repulsed with appreciable losses. In the region south of the Devoli river, our troops continued their advance in conjunction with the Italian troops and occupied Cefalonia, the highest point of Bosnia-Herzegovina crest, which extends in a direction northwest of that Bosnia. The Austrians, after having offered vigorous resistance in the course of the preceding days, retired in disorder into the Tormorica valley, into which we pursued them. We captured 100 Austrian prisoners and important material. Two enemy airplanes were brought down."

Austrians Take New Line.

VIENNA, July 11, via London.—Austrian forces in Albania are occupying a new defensive line, which has been called the "Freud" detachment, and a new offensive line, which has been called the "Schindler" detachment. The statement announced that the "Schindler" detachment, which was advancing in the Devoli valley,

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